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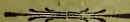
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TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF MAINE.

TO HENRY J. SEAVEY, A CONSTABLE IN THE TOWN OF CORINNA,
COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT. GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Corinna, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday, the fourteenth (14th) day of March instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- ART. 1—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2—To choose a Town Clerk.
- ART. 3—To choose three or more Selectmen.
- ART. 4—To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor.
- ART. 5—To choose three or more Assessors.
- ART. 6—To choose a Town Treasurer.
- ART. 7—To choose a Town Agent.
- ART. 8—To choose a Collector of Taxes.
- ART. 9—To choose a Superintendent of Schools.
- ART. 10—To choose a Superintending School Committee.
- ART. 11—To choose a Road Commissioner.
- ART. 12—To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray town charges.
- ART. 13—To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools.
- ART. 14—To see what sum of money the town will raise for Free High school.
- ART. 15—To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay on town debt.
- ART. 16—To see what sum of money the town will raise to purchase school books.
- ART. 17—To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair school buildings.
- ART. 18—To see what sum of money the town will raise to run the road machine.
- ART. 19—To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair roads and bridges.
- ART. 20—To see what sum of money the town will raise for J. Knowles Post for Memorial day.
- ART. 21—To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from Ezra Bemis' house route to the Center road so called.
- ART. 22—To see if the town will vote to raise \$75.00 to expend on the road leading from Ezra Bemis' house to the Center road.
- ART. 23—To see if the town will raise a sum of money, and how much, to repair the Mower bridge.
- ART. 24—To see if the town will accept the acts of the selectmen in locating and defining the limits and boundaries of the road leading from E. M. Katen's to A. R. Packard's as determined by the selectmen on the 13th of Oct., 1897. Said limits and boundaries as determined

by the selectmen are recorded in the town records of Corinna.

ART. 25—To see if the town will instruct the school officers to purchase text books of whatever company they may select.

ART. 26—To see what disposal the town will make of the town farm for the ensuing year.

The selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the town house at 8 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of March, 1898.

J. S. BURRILL,	}	Selectmen of Corinna.
N. R. PACKARD,		
L. F. IRELAND,		

A true copy.
Attest:

HENRY J. SEAVEY,
Constable of Corinna.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The municipal officers of Corinna herewith respectfully submit their annual report for the fiscal year 1897-8.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate, April 1st, 1897.....	\$302 545 00
Non resident real estate, April 1st. 1897.....	23,400 00
Personal estate, April 1st, 1897.....	65,165 00
Non-personal estate, April 1st, 1897.....	191 00
Total.....	\$391,301 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount to defray town charges.....	\$ 1,200 00
for support of schools.....	1,250 00
for free high school.....	250 00
to repair school buildings.....	350 00
for text books.....	150 00
to run road machine.....	500 00
to repair roads and bridges.....	1,000 00
for J. Knowles Post, G. A. R.....	25 00
to build bridge at village.....	800 00
County tax.....	591 65
State tax.....	1,284 83
overlays.....	278 24
Total amount assessed.....	\$ 7,679 72

No. of polls, 279. Tax on polls, \$2.00.

Rate of taxation, \$1.82 per \$100.00.

The above amount was duly committed to H. J. Seavey for collection, May 1st, 1897.

PAID BILLS FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AWAY FROM FARM.

Insane Hospital, account of Mary J. Maines.....	\$139 35
" " " John J. Blaisdell...	122 17
" " " Willard A. Nichols...	131 27
Town of Sangerville, acct. of Amos Holt 1896...	20 50
Town of Dexter, acct. of Frank Moody 1896...	\$ 48 50
Town of Wellington, acct. of Frank Moody 1896	63 25
W. W. Stuart, acct. of F. K. Couillard.....	\$ 70
Burrill & Nutter, " ".....	39 56
A. R. Day, " ".....	17 36
Ireland Bros., " ".....	31 13
F. L. Redman, M. D., " ".....	26 50
Burrill Bros., " ".....	6 13
	\$121 38

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Thos. W. Burr, printing town reports.....	\$	16 00
J. S. Burrill, attending court in Luce case, 1896.....		10 27
J. M. Bates, " " ".....		10 27
N. R. Packard, " " ".....		11 79
David Bugbee, blank books		6 85
A. C. Smith, bal. due for board of poor on farm, Apr. 8, 1897.....		72 12
J. K. Knowles Post, G. A. R.....		25 00
E. E. Cole, painting Higgins cemetery fence.....		7 75
Mary A. Seavey, interest on order No. 90, 1896.....		7 12
A. J. Richardson, " " No. 120, 1896.....		4 00
W. S. Page, " " No. 206, 1896.....		3 00
Ira M. Page, " " No. 207, 1896.....		6 00
Rose M. Pease, money hired and interest.....	103	87
C. W. White, building fence around Couillard lot.....		3 00
J. S. Burrill, money hired and interest	104	40
J. Bigelow, labor in Center cemetery		1 95
O. J. Doyen, land damage.....		2 00
J. E. Gray, iron for road monuments.....		4 51
J. E. Gray, lead and oil for Higgins cemetery fence...		5 68
Horace Bigelow for housing road machine		1 00
N. R. Packard for recording inventory.....		8 00
W. I. Burrill for record books.....		4 50
L. B. Waldron for legal services.....		6 75
J. E. Gray for wire and staples for fence.....	54	84
W. I. Burrill, recording births, deaths and marriages		9 75
W. I. Burrill, postage, stationery and express.....		5 25
Ireland Brothers, fertilizer for town farm.....		16 00
Florence A. Knowles, money hired and interest.....	822	80
Henry J. Goulding, office rent.....		12 00
F. E. Day, painting guide-boards.....		1 63
O. H. Batchelder, grass seed for town farm.....		4 48
G. B. Fisher, driving nearse.....		21 25
W. B. Gould, service as C. E.....		3 00
F. L. Redman, returning births and deaths.....		5 50
W. I. Wood.....		2 00
J. P. Curtis, making cemetery deeds		68
J. P. Curtis, blank books.....		1 00
L. F. Ireland, keeping town books.....		12 00
L. F. Ireland, stamps, stationery and order book.....		3 33
H. J. Seavey, constable for killing dogs.....		3 00
H. J. Seavey, posting town warrant.....		1 50

 \$1,408 84

ABATEMENTS.

John E. Gray, treasurer for 1895.....	\$	83
" " " 1897.....		1 82
H. J. Seavey, collector for 1896.....		41 37
" " 1897.....		45 50

 \$89 52

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

SPRING, 1897.

F. M. Burton, breaking roads, spring of 1897, \$	6 45
Hiram Lawrence, " "	75
C. C. Knowles, " "	18 52

J. P. Chase, breaking roads, spring of 1897....	\$	2 40
G. A. Tibbetts, " "		4 70
E. M. Atkins, " "		7 20
A. Boyington, " "		9 73
C. C. Knowles, " "		26 07
Chas. White, " "		3 75
Wm. Thompson, " "		2 70
N. R. Packard, " "		4 70
C. H. McIntosh, " "		1 20
A. W. Frost, " "		4 21
Charles Ordway, " "		5 17
S. L. Crowell, " "		6 45
E. E. Johnson, " "		3 15
F. W. Bond, " "		3 25
H. H. Lyford, " "		4 05
C. C. Knowles, road Com., bal. due March 8,		77 60
	\$	192 05

SUMMER WORK.

F. M. Burton, labor on road	\$	16 49
W. W. Stuart, stone for bridge		15 00
Benj. Woodward, lumber.....		7 50
Tyler & Conant, road machine cutters.....		16 25
G. B. Fisher, cutting bushes.....		4 00
G. B. Fisher, running road machine		62 00
F. C. Hanson, men and team, running road machine.....		436 75
E. A. Philbrick, labor on road and cutting bushes.....		51 00
T. R. Shaw, labor on road.....		15 80
J. G. Shaw, "		15 05
Fred Southard, "		3 00
Justice Barney, "		16 35
Charles Trask, "		29 95
W. J. Hall, "		19 30
Horace Dearborn, "		23 50
E. L. Dearborn, "		2 25
F. W. Bond, "		9 75
Wallace Doroughty, "		34 75
G. H. Kendall, "		3 75
Frank Dearborn, "		4 50
George Dearborn, "		5 25
Abner Brooks, "		15 40
C. F. Ordway, "		12 75
Alpha Shepherd, "		3 00
Wallace Estes, "		4 50
Wesley Burrill, "		21 75
F. E. Nye, "		8 25
Chas Lander, "		2 15
E. E. Johnson, "		4 75
E. R. Whitman, repairing road machine and tools.....		5 28
J. S. Burrill, building culvert.....		13 50
E. Griffin, labor on road		4 50
Burrill Bros., labor and lumber for bridge....		124 84
N. R. Packard, labor on road		13 00
L. F. Ireland, labor on bridge.....		6 00
J. C. Pease, labor on road		36 75
William Thompson, labor on road.....		18 90
G. B. Fisher, "		6 00
A. Boyington, "		3 10

Clinton Copeland, labor on road	\$ 52 65
Hiram Lawrence, "	16 32
W. K. Jones, "	6 75
D. S. Hilliker, "	2 50
Increase French, "	3 75
J. E. Gray, hardware and tiling	21 70
Preston Knowles, labor on road	5 00
H. W. White, "	3 70
H. J. Seavey, labor on road and lumber	3 00
Lorin Dearborn, labor on road	15 10
A. R. Blaisdell, "	16 50
F. E. Gardner, "	7 50
W. B. Thurston, "	6 30
W. B. Gould, labor and material	38 36
R. S. Knowles, labor building culvert	9 00
I. M. Bates, labor on road	6 30
G. W. Nutter, labor sharpening tools	2 58
C. C. Knowles, labor on bridge	6 00
Phinney & Bruce, labor on road	4 95
Leonard Mason, "	10 65
Albert Knowles, labor and lumber	1 07
Burrill Bros., labor and material	12 30
A. B. Dearborn, gravel	1 80
Herbert Dearborn, labor and material	12 85
John A. McPherson, labor on road	13 50
Watering tanks	26 00
J. S. Dearborn, services as road commissioner	178 90
	<hr/> \$1,581 64

WINTER.

H. J. Seavey and others, breaking roads	\$ 37 80
G. B. Fisher, breaking roads	18 75
Wm. Thompson and others, breaking roads	41 45
S. Fowles, labor on sidewalk	2 00
N. R. Packard and others, breaking roads	10 15
R. White " "	41 70
Preston Knowles " "	36 22
Clarence Dearborn " "	40 09
R. S. Knowles " "	43 30
A. R. Blaisdell " "	34 25
Chas. Trask, breaking roads	4 35
Justice Barne , breaking roads	4 35
W. K. Jones and others, breaking roads	41 18
J. B. Tibbetts, breaking roads	2 77
Isaiah Pratt and others, breaking roads	38 86
E. S. Knowles " "	36 82
Lorin Dearborn " "	78 79
I. M. Bates " "	22 20
G. A. Tibbetts " "	54 85
Jonu Bigelow " "	43 67
H. W. Knowles " "	39 91
A. Brooks " "	28 80
Horace Dearborn " "	83 30
Hiram Lawrence " "	93 62
S. R. Brown " "	40 80
H. J. Crosby, breaking roads	7 42
O. W. Ireland "	11 01
F. E. Gardner and others, breaking roads	52 00
C. J. Trickey " "	69 60
D. S. Hilliker " "	28 10

P. M. Hall and others, breaking roads.....	\$ 12 90
W. J. Philbrick, breaking roads	18 75
S. Lincoln and others, breaking roads... ..	68 90
I. J. Shorey, breaking roads.....	14 55
C. H. McIntosh and others, breaking roads,	37 12
Albert Frost " " "	50 61
F. A. Sawtelle " " "	42 27
F. W. Bond " " "	97 67
J. B. Woodard, breaking roads	19 38
O. S. Swanton, " " "	10 95
L. W. Puffer and others, breaking roads.....	33 20
F. S. Willey " " "	49 65
L. B. Moody " " "	97 34
S. F. Lander " " "	26 83
I. P. Chase, breaking roads.....	1 50
Everett Willey and others, breaking roads...	76 60
E. M. Atkins " " "	59 75
M. C. Jones " " "	73 50
O. T. Percival " " "	15 45
F. M. Burton " " "	42 62
C. H. Moore " " "	2 50
F. A. Hollis, breaking roads	22 65
Leonard Mason and others, breaking roads,	69 19
F. W. Hayden " " "	47 41
A. Crane, breaking roads.....	10 10
A. H. Chase, breaking roads.....	4 95
Alpha Shepherd " " "	6 30
F. E. Johnson, " " "	9 30
Burrill Brothers and others, breaking roads,	47 43
Lorin Dearborn " " "	12 22
Horace Dearborn " " "	48 21
Ernest Seavey, " " "	30 38
Peleg Thurston, breaking roads	2 18
W. B. Thurston, " " "	12 69
S. Lincoln and others, breaking roads.....	5 10
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	\$2,268 26

Total amount expended March 1, 1898... \$4,041 95

Amount appropriated for roads and bridges..\$1,500 00
 unexpended March 1, 1897..... 875 71

 \$2,375 71

Amount overdrawn..... \$1,666 24

J. S. DEARBORN,

Road Commissioner.

VILLAGE BRIDGE.

The committee appointed by the town to procure a bridge at the village, after careful investigation and receiving many proposals from companies, purchased one of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. The report follows:

Paid for bridge \$880 00
 Amount appropriated 800 00

Overdrawn \$ 80 00

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

B. A. Smith, services as supervisor.....	\$	123 50
J. S. Burrill " selectman		31 75
N. R. Packard " "		70 65
L. F. Ireland " "		69 50
Will I. Burrill " town clerk		15 00
" " town treasurer		40 00
J. P. Curtis " school agent.....		15 75
" " truant officer.....		9 60
J. C. Pease " "		2 00
H. J. Seavey " collector in full for 1896.....		35 05
" " " part for 1897.....		120 00
W. I. Wood " moderator.....		2 00
	\$	534 80

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Amount appropriated for support of schools.....	\$1,250 00
" received from State.....	758 58
" due from Ripley for tuition	29 00
" " Newport for tuition.....	25 00
" " Exeter "	6 00
" received from Dexter for tuition.....	27 50
" unexpended in 1895	86 81
Total amount for schools.....	\$2,182 89
Amount expended for schools.....	2,051 75
Amount unexpended	\$ 131 14

HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount appropriated	\$250 00
" expended.....	195 65
Amount unexpended	\$ 54 35

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Amount expended.....	\$ 396 16
" appropriated.....	350 00
Amount overdrawn.....	\$ 46 16

FOR FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Amount expended.....	\$ 290 16
" appropriated	150 00
Amount overdrawn.....	\$ 140 16

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Support of poor	\$ 749 68
Miscellaneous expenses	1,408 84
Roads and bridges.....	4,041 95

Village bridge	880 00
Schools	2,051 75
Free high school.....	195 65
Repairs on school buildings	396 16
Free text books	290 16
Town officers	534 80
Abatements	89 52

Total.....\$10,638 51

A mount of orders turned over by treasurer, \$10,607 44

Amt. of interest paid on orders turned over, 31 07

-----\$10,638 51

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders	\$5,288 00
Interest due on orders.....	188 71
Due the schools	131 14
Due free high school	54 35
School fund note	1,174 93
	-----\$6,837 13

RESOURCES.

Due from treasurer in cash	\$ 56 60
Uncollected tax bills in H. J. Seavey's hands, 1897.....	1,156 98
Non-resident tax bills in J. E. Gray's hands, 1897.....	201 48
Non-resident tax bills in J. E. Gray's hands, 1896.....	43 97
Due from Ripley on tuition.....	29 00
Due from Newport on tuition	25 00
Due from Exeter on tuition, on account of F. L. Titecomb.....	6 00
School fund note	1,174 93
F. K. Couiller mortgage.....	25 00
	-----\$2,718 96

Town debt March 1, 1898.....\$4,118 17

Town debt March 1, 1897.....1,066 07

Increase of town debt.....\$3,052 10

J. S. BURRILL, } Selectmen
N. R. PACKARD, } of
L. F. IRELAND, } Corinna.

749.64
782.94

16.74

602.84
180.06

782.94

SCHOOL REPORT.

To those interested I submit the following report:

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	TERM.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
No. 1—Brooks	Arrie L. Pratt	Summer	18
	Arrie L. Pratt	Fall	17
	Arrie L. Pratt	Winter	15
No. 2—Bond	Hattie L. Morton	Summer	15
	Hattie L. Morton	Fall	15
	Bertha E. Sprague	Winter	9
No. 4—Ridge	{ Summer and fall conveyed to No. 6 for \$3 per week. Sadie Mower, teacher, winter term; average attendance, 6.		
No. 5—Center	{ Cora M. Veazie, teacher, summer term; average attendance, 15. In fall and winter conveyed to village for \$5 and \$4 respectively.		
No. 6—Puffer	Maria Katen	Summer	22
	Bernice Pickard	Fall	16
	Maria Katen	Winter	20
No. 7—Grammar		Summer	30
	C. P. Emery	Fall	23
	Alice Miller	Winter	24
No. 7—Primary	Maud Hersey	Summer	30
	Ruphelle Luce	Fall	32
	Ruphelle Luce	Winter	29
No. 8— Town Farm	Ada Burriil	Summer	13
	Lucy Chandler	Fall	12
	Frank Smith	Winter	8
No. 9—Mower	Mabel Emery	Summer	13
	Della W. Veazie	Fall	15
	Della W. Veazie	Winter	17
No. 10— Morse's Corner	Bertha Sprague	Summer	15
	Mabel Houston	Fall	14
	Mabel Houston	Winter	16
No. 11— Pleasant Vale	{ Conveyed to the village for the year.		
	{ Summer and fall terms, \$4 per week.		
	{ Winter term, \$5.		
No. 12— Greenbush	{ Conveyed to No. 1 for the year for \$2.50 per week.		
	{		
	{		
No. 17— Southard's Mills	{ Conveyed to the village for the year. Summer and fall terms, \$2.50 per week. Winter term, \$3.		
	{		
	{		

During the past year we have had twenty-four weeks of school, eight to each term. In the rural districts we paid in summer \$6.50 per week; in fall and winter, \$6.00 per week, excepting No. 4, where we paid \$5.50 per week. In the summer terms in Grammar and Primary, \$8.00 and \$7.00 respectively; in fall and winter, \$9.00 each week.

REMARKS.

I am that presumptuous as to say that the schools of Corinna are progressive in their character. There seems to be a general interest throughout the town. I attribute this not to personal labor but to combined efforts of school board, teachers, parents and scholars. During the past year there has seemed to be a unity of feeling very agreeable to those interested. The school board, as a board, has worked for the upbuilding of our schools. It is probable that we have made grave mistakes, but at the same time we have done what seemed right without regard to personal feelings or interests.

You will notice from previous part of this report that I have not given a detailed description of the ability and inability of each teacher. I deem it sufficient to report the schools collectively, rather than individually. Generally speaking, the teachers have been successful. They have shown an enthusiasm commendable in its character. This, to my mind, is an essential quality for a teacher to possess. On the other hand, our schools are demanding a higher, broader and better education on the part of the teacher. It is not reasonable to believe that a person can leave the common school as a scholar and return directly to that same school as a teacher. It leads one to suspect that the teacher and scholar are very nearly equal in educational lines. There is no part of a scholar's life where so good instruction is needed as at the commencement of his school work. The ideas then formed are very sure to remain with him during the remainder of his school days. It is pleasing to note that some of our teachers have become so impressed with the fact that they need more preparation for their work that they are attending schools where they can get the training. This will prove very advantageous to all concerned.

It is the history of Corinna that the citizens have always been interested in maintaining good schools. It is not for me to judge or dictate just how far they should carry this interest. It might be better were more to visit the schools and see for themselves whether they are good or bad. I think it adds to the interest of the teachers and scholars to have frequent visits from the parents.

The school board and trustees of the Academy have joined the funds placed in their care. We think we have a first-class High school. During the past two terms there has been an average attendance of scholars. There seems to be a general interest in this school. We are looking for this to be of great aid to those in the rural districts. The scholars should have an interest to prepare themselves to enter the High school. In fact, I have noticed that in several instances during the past few months that the scholars in the lower grade are becoming enthused with the idea that they should put forth every effort to be prepared to enter the High school in a short time. This will simply act as an impetus to the scholars generally and will, I think, be of great assistance to many who would have otherwise been content with the education obtained in the lower grades.

Where we have consolidated the schools this year we have done so thinking it better for the scholars thus conveyed. It is a fact that the scholars generally are greatly benefited by going to a larger school. Of course the cost to the town is much less than to maintain a school. For example: One of the schools thus conveyed to another cost the town \$4.00 per week. It would have been impossible to have obtained a teacher for

less than \$6 00 per week. The cost of wood and care of building would have at last been \$1 00 per week, making a total of \$7.00 per week. This shows the financial saving. Then again there is more interest generally among the scholars in larger classes than in smaller. The above applies simply to those districts where there are not sufficient scholars to maintain a school.

In conclusion, I wish to call your attention for a moment to the amount expended over our tax book appropriation. The amount voted would have been sufficient for our public schools. But by supplying the High school with books the expenditure was necessarily much greater than it would otherwise have been.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. SMITH.

SCHOOL AGENT'S REPORT.

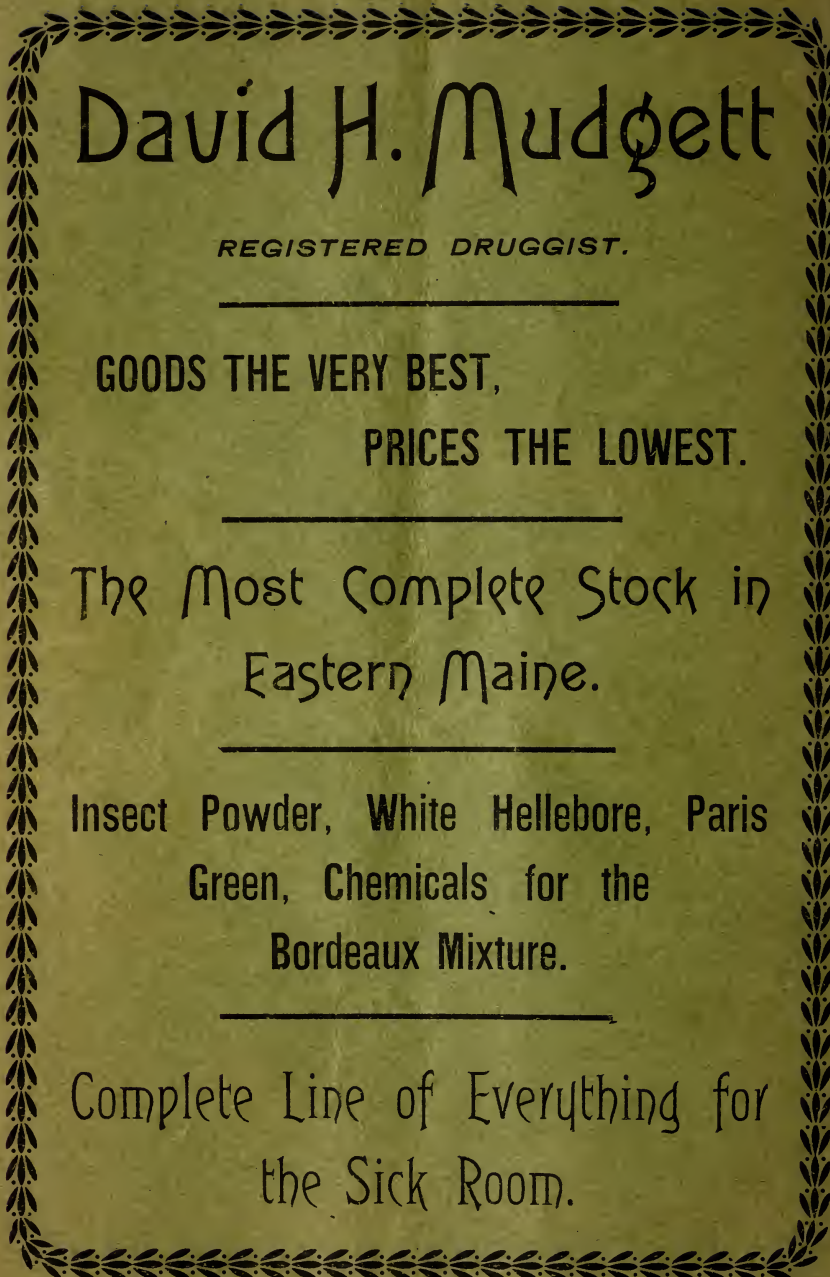
In repairing the school buildings during the past year we have endeavored to make thoroughness our motto, rather than to patch a larger surface in a superficial manner.

The house at the Center has been painted inside, with new curtains, and the roof shingled. The roofs of the Morse's Corner has been newly shingled, new ceiling put on, and minor repairs made inside; also a new shed built, which was very much needed. Modern seats have been furnished for the house in No. 1, making this one of the best equipped schoolhouses in town.

The schoolyard at the village during the spring term was in a very bad condition, an unhealthy quagmire. By draining, we think this difficulty has been overcome. The grammar and primary rooms have been painted, the walls brightened, new curtains, etc. These with minor repairs are the work done for the past year.

The house at No. 2, Bond, will need new roofs, also No. 8, Town Farm, is in a very dilapidated condition, and several others will require outside painting.

J. P. CURTIS,
School Agent.



David H. Mudgett

REGISTERED DRUGGIST.

GOODS THE VERY BEST,
PRICES THE LOWEST.

The Most Complete Stock in
Eastern Maine.

Insect Powder, White Hellebore, Paris
Green, Chemicals for the
Bordeaux Mixture.

Complete Line of Everything for
the Sick Room.

10/13/2008

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GROUP-IN

